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HOUSE RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of Representatives are pleased to congratulate Steve Ferguson on the occasion of his retirement as the State's Attorney for Coles County; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson has been the State's Attorney for Coles County for 20 years; and

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WHEREAS, During Steve Ferguson's time in office, felony filings have more than doubled, prison sentences have been imposed for the most deserving, and restitution collected for victims has exceeded more than \$2 million; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson's has been the State's Attorney for Coles County since 1992; he was in private practice from 1983-1992 with Heller, Holmes, and Associates; he taught business law at Lake Land College from 1989-1992 and was a law clerk for the Honorable Kenneth Meyers, U.S. Magistrate Judge, U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Illinois, 1982-1983; and

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WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson has numerous professional affiliations in the legal area, including completion of the Career Prosecutor Course-National College of District

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1 Attorneys and Advanced Trial Advocacy program for career
2 prosecutors-Illinois Appellate Prosecutors Office; he has
3 served on the State Forensic Sciences Crime Laboratory Advisory
4 Board, the Coles County Drug Court Steering Committee, the
5 Children's Advocacy Center of East Central Illinois, the
6 Illinois State Bar Association Assembly (ISBA), the ISBA
7 Committee on Judicial Evaluation, the ISBA Juvenile Justice
8 Section Council, and the ISBA Correctional Facilities and
9 Services Committee; he is a member of the Illinois State's
10 Attorneys Association, the National District Attorneys
11 Association, the Association of Government Attorneys in
12 Capital Litigation, the Prosecutors Bar Association, the
13 Illinois State Bar Association, the Illinois Appellate Lawyers
14 Association, the American Bar Association, and the State of
15 Illinois Capital Litigation Trial Bar; and

16 WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson is a 1982 graduate of the
17 University of Illinois College of Law; he graduated from
18 Millikin University in Decatur in 1979, where he was Summa Cum
19 Laude, a James Millikin Scholar, and a member of the Phi Kappa
20 Phi academic honor society; he was a 1975 graduate of Mattoon
21 High School, where he was valedictorian; and

22 WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson's retirement became official on
23 November 30, 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, Steve Ferguson is married to Melissa, and has two
2 children, Tyler and Audra; therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
4 NINETY-SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that
5 we congratulate Steve Ferguson on his retirement as the State's
6 Attorney for Coles County and we wish him all the best with his
7 future endeavours; and be it further

8 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
9 presented to Steve Ferguson as an expression of our esteem and
10 respect.